

Duration Of Card Usage At Blackjack, Spanish 21, Double Attack Blackjack  
And Certain Minibaccarat Tables

Internal Controls

Gaming Equipment

Temporary Amendments: N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.12 and 19:46-1.18

Authority: N.J.S.A. 5:12-5, 69a, 69e, 70f, 99a and 100

The temporary rules follow:

### **Summary**

Generally, any cards which have been opened and placed on a gaming table shall be changed at least every 24 hours. By enumerated exceptions, cards used at specified games or game variations, with alternative dealing procedures, or dealt from the dealer's hand or from a manual dealing shoe are subject to greater card changing frequencies (e.g., once every 8 hours). See N.J.A.C. 19:46-1.18(g).

The proposed amendment at N.J.A.C. 19:46-1.18(g) would permit cards used at blackjack, spanish 21, double attack blackjack and minibaccarat using the dealing procedures in N.J.A.C. 19:47-7.7(c)1 and 2 to be changed once every 48 hours. These authorized games, except for minibaccarat using the dealing procedure in N.J.A.C. 19:47-7.7(c)3, do not allow players to touch or handle cards under any circumstances. Pursuant to the proposed amendment, permission to use cards more than 24 hours and up to 48 hours is subject to additional conditions intended as procedural safeguards. Card usage for the extended period shall occur only at gaming tables open for continuous operation where at least six decks of cards are used in dealing the game. In addition, a table games shift manager shall identify for the surveillance department those gaming tables at which cards are in use for the extended period. Finally, these cards would be subject to separate post-use inspection sampling at N.J.A.C. 19:46-1.18(n), modified post-use collection, storage and reconciliation procedures at N.J.A.C. 19:46-1.18(i), (l) and (o), and gaming

tables at which these cards are used could not be included in any plan for reduced supervision pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.12(e).

**Full text** of the temporary adoption follows (additions indicated in boldface **thus**; deletions indicated in brackets [thus]):

19:45-1.12 Personnel assigned to the operation and conduct of gaming

(a) – (d) (No change.)

(e) Notwithstanding the provisions of (c) above, a casino licensee may implement a plan for revised supervision by floorpersons, poker shift supervisors, pit bosses, or slot shift managers. **A plan for revised supervision of table games shall not include any gaming tables at which the cards shall be used for more than 24 hours pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:46-1.18(g)7.**

In any plan for revised supervision:

1. - 8. (No change.)

(f) – (k) (No change.)

19:46-1.18 Cards; receipt, storage, inspections and removal from use

(a) – (f) (No change.)

(g) Any cards which have been opened and placed on a gaming table shall be changed at least every 24 hours. [In addition] **Notwithstanding the foregoing:**

1. - 4. (No change.)

5. Cards opened for use on a baccarat table using the alternative dealing procedure set forth at N.J.A.C. 19:47-3.7(d) shall be changed after each shoe; [and]

6. Cards opened for use on a poker table shall be changed at least every six hours; **and**

**7. Cards opened for use on a blackjack, spanish 21 or double attack blackjack table, or on a minibaccarat table using the alternative**

**dealing procedures set forth at N.J.A.C. 19:47-7.7(c)1 and 2, may be used for no more than 48 hours if the following requirements are satisfied:**

**i. The gaming table shall remain open for gaming during the entire period of card usage;**

**ii. At least six decks of cards shall be used to play the game; and**

**iii. A table games shift manager shall identify for the surveillance department those gaming tables at which cards are in use for the extended period.**

(h) (No change.)

(i) At the end of each gaming day or, in the alternative, at least once each gaming day at the same time each day, as designated by the casino licensee and approved by the Commission, **or at the end of the extended period pursuant to (g)7 above**, and at such other times as may be necessary, the floorperson or supervisor thereof for the game of poker or casino supervisor for all other games shall collect all used cards **required to be removed from play**.

1. - 2. (No change.)

(j) – (k) (No change.)

(l) At the end of each gaming day or, in the alternative, at least once each gaming day at the same time each day, as designated by the casino licensee and approved by the Commission, and at such other times as may be necessary, a casino security officer shall collect and sign all envelopes or containers with damaged cards, cards [used during the] **required to be removed that** gaming day, and all extra decks in card reserve with broken seals, except those that have been pre-shuffled and pre-inspected pursuant to (r) below, and shall return the envelopes or containers to the casino security department.

(m) (No change.)

(n) When the envelopes or containers of used cards and reserve cards with broken seals are returned to the casino security department, they shall be inspected for tampering, marks, alterations, missing or additional cards or anything that might indicate unfair play.

1. - 10. (No change.)

11. Notwithstanding any provision in this subsection to the contrary, for cards used [in]:

i. **In** any authorized game or variation thereof which permits a player to touch them, the casino licensee shall cause to be inspected all decks used during the day; **and**

ii. **At any gaming table for more than 24 hours pursuant to (g)7 above, the casino licensee shall cause to be inspected a sample of decks that is separate from the sample of decks selected pursuant to (n)1ii above, provided that the procedures for selecting the sample size and for assuring a proper stratification of the sample shall be submitted to and approved by the Commission.**

(o) The casino licensee shall submit to the Commission for approval, procedures for:

1. (No change.)

2. A reconciliation on a daily basis of the cards distributed, the cards destroyed and cancelled, the cards returned to the storage area, **cards in use on an open gaming table for more than 24 hours** and, if any, the cards in card reserve; and

3. (No change.)

(p) – (r) (No change.)